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Housing, stipend checks debated Friday

By Heidi Jeanne Hess

Election-time for student president/regent is here. And with elections, there are debates.

The three candidates for president/regent, Virgil Armendariz Jr., Mary Reynolds and Charles Valgora, debated their stands on issues Friday in the Student Center.

Although less than thirty people attended the debate, candidates answered three rounds of questions from panel members Paula Effle, past student/regent; John Harris, student organizations director; and Greg Kozol, editor of the *Gateway*.

All of the candidates agreed upon proposed housing at UNO. Because housing will be one of the issues the University of Nebraska Board of Regents will discuss at the January meeting, Effle said the new president/regent will have to be well informed on the issue.

Reynolds said she feels she is more qualified than her opponents to present UNO student needs to the regents because she is a member of the Student Housing Committee.

She said the commuter atmosphere of UNO is important, and the goal of housing should not be a shift to a residential campus.

"No student housing stifles a campus," said Reynolds.

Valgora said, while he supports housing on campus, he is concerned that housing will be cut if the 2 percent lid is passed.

"Housing at UNO is a resource that is not being utilized," said Armendariz. "It could be used as a recruiting tool for out-state Nebraska and the panhandle area."

Armendariz does not want to see the image of UNO change because of housing, but he does want to see the better use of the resources that are at UNO.

Reynolds and Armendariz opposed Valgora on the issue of reversing a decision which does not allow student agency directors to be paid a stipend for their services.

"It is wasting student's money to pay these people when they are willing to work for the satisfaction and intrinsic value," Valgora said.

He also said that "students have already said, through vote, that they don't want them paid."

According to Reynolds, when the student government decided to put the referendum that read: "Do you agree to pay student government officers' salaries" to a vote they "did not believe, nor did they want it to affect the directors."

Although Reynolds believes that the agency directors should be paid for the work that they

do, the issue will have to go to the regents to be changed.

"Good agency directors will not always be able to financially hold the position without pay," Armendariz said.

Armendariz questioned the intrinsic value of the experience as enough to draw good applicants for the position.

"Students never voted specifically whether or not to pay directors," Armendariz said of the wording of the referendum.

Valgora mentioned that both Reynolds and Armendariz received stipend checks.

"I received one check, and worked the rest of the year for no pay," said Armendariz of his position as director of American Multi-Cultural Students.

Reynolds said that she received "very few checks" for her holding the office of senate speaker.

There was more dissension among the candidates when Kozol asked if they would support the creation of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

If approved by voters, the commission would define role admission, approve plans for capital construction and coordinate academic programs between the University of

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Twenty six to zero

Ed Jaksha's "2 percent solution" has not won many hearts at UNO, according to information in a *Gateway* reader's survey.

In the Oct. 23 *Gateway*, UNO students, faculty and staff were asked if they support the proposed 2 percent limit on state and local spending increases. Twenty six people responded to the unscientific survey. All 26 said they did not support the 2 percent lid.

The spending limit, ballot measure 405, faces a popular vote in the Nov. 6 election.

Survey shows impact of the 2 percent lid

UNO's public administration department and Center for Public Affairs Research have released the results of a survey on the impact of the proposed 2 percent spending lid on Nebraska municipalities.

The survey was conducted to gather information on the possible effects of the 2 percent lid. If approved by voters Nov. 6, the lid, or Ballot Measure 405, would limit state and local spending increases to 2 percent annually.

According to the 114 responses UNO received:

- Thirty-three percent indicated there will be severe reductions in parks and recreation services.

- Twenty-eight percent indicated severe reductions in police services are likely.

- Twenty-three percent indicated severe reductions in public works services are likely.

Travelling to Mars via UNO

For UNO students who love the planet Mars, November is your month.

UNO's Mallory Kountze Planetarium will present three programs in November, focusing on the red planet.

Saturday and Sunday, a live star show will highlight Mars, as well as other visible constellations and celestial objects. Weather permitting, the observatory atop the Durham Science Building will be open following the star show. Both shows are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Guest lecturer Harry Jordan, a member of the Mars Project of Omaha, will give his views and a slide/video presentation on the "face on Mars" Nov. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.

Jordan has conducted investigative work with the Mars Research data generated by the Viking spacecraft in 1976.

"The Mars Show," narrated by Patrick Stewart (Captain Jean-Luc Picard of "Star Trek — The Next Generation") focuses on the planet Mars and explains past explorations and future prospects of colonizing Mars.

The show will be held Nov. 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30 at the Mallory Kountze Planetarium.

Also, "Star Travelers," a family program about two 9-year-old boys who are visited by Edna, the friendly extraterrestrial, is scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays at 2 and 3:30 p.m. all month.

Admission to the events ranges from \$4 for adults to \$2 for children, senior citizens and students.

Governor Orr digs into the Fine Arts building

By Brian Elston

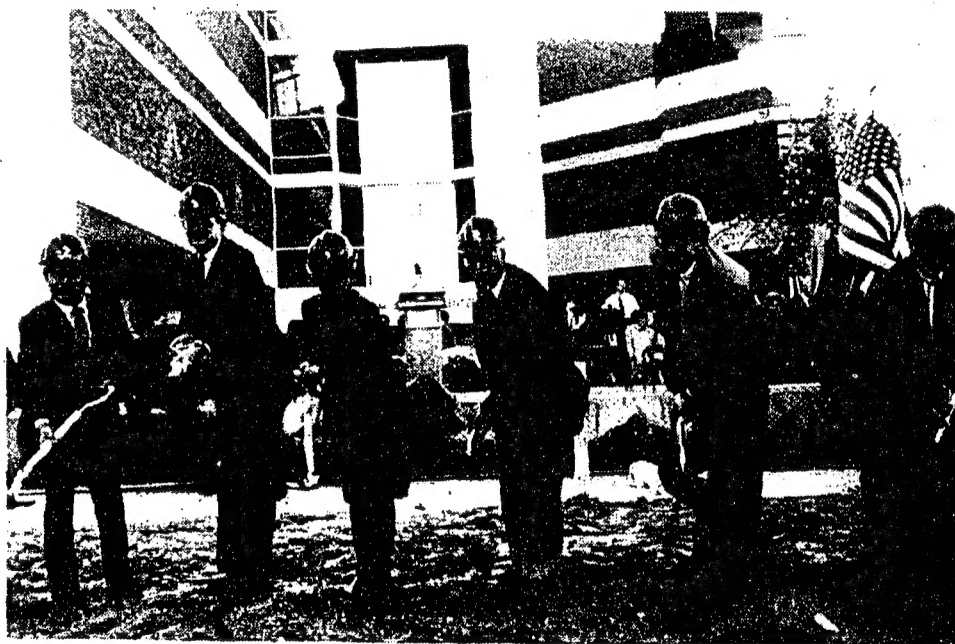
Gov. Kay Orr took time out from her gubernatorial campaign to participate in the ground-breaking ceremonies for UNO's Fine Arts Education Building.

Although she vetoed funds for the building two years ago — only to be overridden by the Legislature — the governor expressed her enthusiasm for the new facility.

"I'm very happy to extend my support for this project that will add to the opportunities UNO has to offer its students and the community," Orr said.

Others attending the ceremony, which took place south of the Durham Science Center, included: Chancellor Del Weber; Martin Massengale, interim president of the University of Nebraska; state Sen. Brad Ashford; Kermit Hansen, vice chairman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents; and Regents Rosemary Skrupa and Robert Allen.

Also on hand for the ceremony was David Shrader, dean of the College of Fine Arts.



— MELANIE WILLIAMS

From right, Del Weber, Brad Ashford, Kermit Hansen, Kay Orr, Martin Massengale, and Roger Wozny break ground at the site of the Fine Arts building.

Charges of negative campaigning made

By Heidi Jeanne Hess

Unlike Nebraska's gubernatorial campaign, all three student president/regent candidates said mudslinging isn't an issue for the UNO student president/regent race.

"Any negative campaigning is totally ridiculous and totally uncalled for, and I have no intention of responding to anything that anyone might say against me. I'm an applicant for the job," student president/regent candidate Virgil Armendariz Jr. said after a debate with fellow candidates Mary Reynolds and Charles Valgora at the Student Center Friday.

During the debate, Reynolds and Valgora exchanged comments about attendance records at Student Senate and committee meetings.

"When she (Reynolds) found she could in some way hurt or slander my campaign, she captured that moment and used it politically."

— Chuck Valgora

At the Sept. 13 senate meeting, the senate considered and rejected removing Valgora from office due to lack of attendance.

Senators may be removed from office if they have two or more unexcused absences from senate meetings, according to Student Senate bylaws. Unexcused absences from committee meetings count as half of an absence, while excused absences are not counted at all.

Valgora said Reynolds used his two unexcused senate absences and two unexcused committee absences for political gain.

"When she found out that she could in some way hurt or slander my campaign, she captured that moment and used it politically," Valgora said.

Although he was not dismissed, Valgora claimed Reynolds used the committee meet-

ing rule unfairly. He said the rule had been applied only after Reynolds discovered he was running for president/regent.

Valgora said his claim against Reynolds is not negative campaigning.

The only time the rule was invoked this term was at the Sept. 13 meeting against Valgora and one other senator.

Reynolds said she didn't use the rule for other senators because she was unaware of their absences; however, she said Valgora's absences were apparent because he was a member of the committee she chaired.

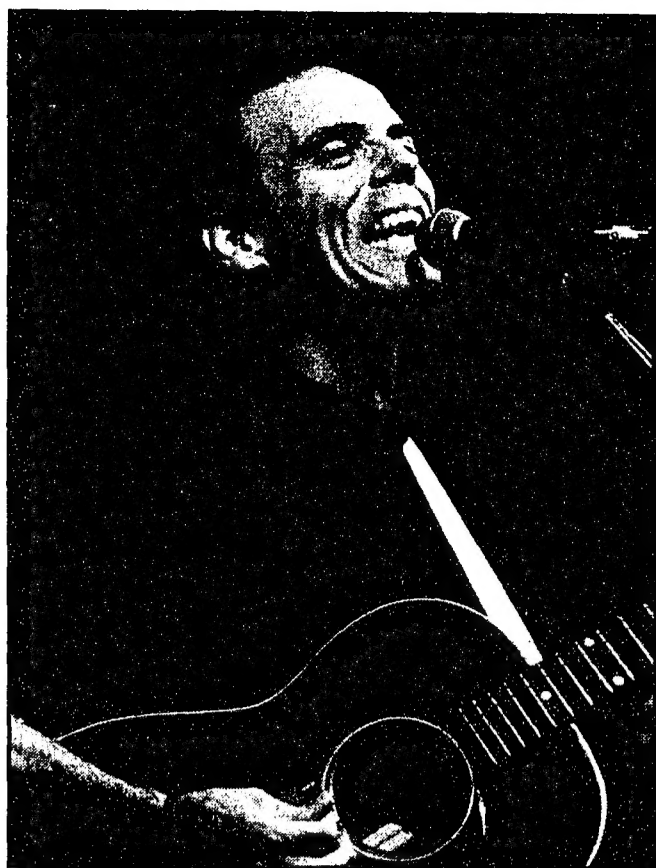
She contends that she has "applied the rules as fairly as possible," during her two years as speaker.

Reynolds said her proposal to remove Valgora was not an attempt to "hurt or slander" his campaign.

"I don't appreciate the fact that Chuck is trying to make it seem like I was attacking him," Reynolds said. "Campaigning should be issue oriented."

College
Clips

from College Press Service



Turnaround

Country singer John Hiatt has gone from drug and alcohol addiction to commercial and musical success. "I'm living a life I never really lived before," Hiatt said. His most recent album, *Stolen Moments*, chronicles Hiatt's comeback.

A singer's comeback

(CPS) — John Hiatt is singing a happy tune these days.

After battling drug and alcohol addiction, he is one of Nashville's hottest singer/songwriters.

"I'm living a life that I've never really lived before," he said. "I spent a lot of time in the old days just trying to avoid reality. Now I find myself, to my best capacity on a given day — which may not seem like much — engaged in reality to some degree."

Currently his work is so popular, two publishing companies now pitch his songs. One company administers his past catalog, and one leases the rights to the songs he's writing now.

Singers Bonnie Raitt, Jeff Healey and others have made hits with his songs.

His producer Glyn Johns, who worked with the Who, the Clash and the Beatles, called Hiatt "the best lyric writer I've ever worked with."

The "old days" were much different than now.

After moving to Nashville the first time in 1971, Hiatt found little success until the band Three Dog Night had a Top 20 hit in 1974 with his "Sure As I'm Sitting Here."

With the royalty check for the song, Hiatt said he purchased a Toyota and spent the rest on alcohol.

In the mid-1970s, he made two albums that bombed. In 1976, Hiatt moved to Los Angeles where he continued making records.

But sales never followed, and Hiatt's drug and alcohol problem worsened.

In 1987, after 20 years of chemical dependence, Hiatt finally became "straight." He left Los Angeles for Nashville and got into a healthy marriage.

Hiatt's most recent album, *Stolen Moments*, chronicles a turnaround in his life and career. The album presents Hiatt as a cautiously happy man and often contains the language of recovery.

"It took so much effort to live that kind of life and the returns were so low," he said. "It was hardly worth it. I'm not saying that it might not happen to me again. I hope not. I don't think I could live through it again."

Beer promotions found
hard to swallow

A Nebraska state senator and the local Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council condemned the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's recent decision to allow the school's Hérbie the Husker logo to appear in a special Coors beer promotion.

In a letter to Athletic Director Bob Devaney, state Sen. Ernie Chambers complained the Coors promotion was "a prostitution" of the campus' image and efforts to control student drinking.

The school's athletic department could make up to \$5,000 if Coors sells all 500,000 cans bearing the logo, according to Devaney.

"We are trying to keep the programs going, and we are grasping at means to do it," he said.

This is the second case in which a school recently has been criticized for dealing with Coors.

In early October, the University of Colorado's student government condemned a school deal that would reward a Coors donation to the school by renaming the sports arena the Coors Campus Events Center.

Feds admit blame in
student loan crisis

The U.S. Dept. of Education, which in recent years blamed colleges for the spiraling rates of student loan defaults, may be partially at fault, Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos admitted to a U.S. Senate subcommittee Oct. 11.

"Inadequate federal oversight for many years" helped create the student loan programs' problems, said Cavazos, whose department oversees most federal college programs.

"Unfortunately," said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., whose subcommittee heard Cavazos' comments during hearings investigating federal student aid, "through all these hearings, we did not hear of even a single major component of the guaranteed student loan program that is working efficiently or effectively."

Stanford married student
facilities open to
homosexual students

In what is considered a major victory for gay students, Stanford University has opened its married housing units, athletic facilities and libraries to all enrolled "couples in long-term domestic relationships," acting Dean of Student Affairs Norm Robinson said Oct. 12.

Robinson said the policy would cover "unmarried heterosexuals, gays and lesbians in order to ensure that students do not have to choose between their domestic commitments and their studies at Stanford."

Ivy Young, whose Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is surveying gay student policies nationwide, said Stanford's new policy "is probably the broadest of any college's in the country."

Today's collegians lack morals, report says

(CPS) — Are you honest? Do you respect your elders? Are you a non-violent person? If you said yes to these questions, you may be in a tiny minority.

According to a recent study by the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics, college-aged men and women are less ethical than any other group of people.

People 18 to 30 years old lack honesty, personal responsibility and respect for others, the institute reported in its summary of other polls, articles and about 40 original interviews.

"The results," researcher Michael Josephson said, "indicate a meaningful, demonstrable ... discernible disintegration in moral standards."

The report also accused today's young people of being more violent, promiscuous, racist and ignorant than any other generation.

For instance, the report says the 18-30 age

group has committed more crimes against each other and their teachers than any other.

"There's no question all of these behaviors have existed before," Josephson said. "But it's clear to us that many of the behaviors are happening in greater numbers."

Students, however, vehemently dispute the charge.

"I disagree with that," said Jennifer MacCallum, a student at Providence College in Rhode Island. "So many people here are very concerned for other people. We don't protest issues; we actually go out and do something about it."

"I think maybe we have different morals and different values than the last generation, but there's not a lack of morals," added Daryn Casey, an Oklahoma State University student.

Even those who seemingly agree with Jo-

sephson think he overstated the case.

"I don't see rampant amorality," said Stephen Davis, a psychology professor at Emporia State University in Kansas.

A survey conducted by Davis, which reported that a majority of 6,000 collegians nationwide admitted to cheating in high school, was one of the studies on which Josephson based his report.

Young people aren't the only people lacking moral values, said Jay Cassell, a professor of religious thought at Rocky Mountain College in Montana.

Cassell said Congress' inability to agree on a budget proposal is a moral failure considerably greater than student amorality.

"We all have some very severe problems," Cassell said.

Victory, but at what cost for athletes?

(CPS) — A quarterback scores the winning touchdown late in the game. His teammates mob him. About 80,000 fans cheer loudly. The nationwide television audience marvels at his feat.

No doubt, everybody would love to be in this player's position.

But, according to a new study, big-time college athletes don't feel like heroes at all. Instead, they often feel isolated, frustrated, exhausted and pressured to win.

"The bottom line is, if the coach doesn't win, he loses his job," said University of Colorado Sociologist Patricia Adler, who co-authored the study with husband Peter Adler, a sociologist at the University of Denver.

"For all that (a coach) cares about these athletes as people," she said, "if the team isn't winning, it all starts to go."

In tracing the lives of members of a Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men's basketball team at an unnamed Southwestern private university, the Adlers found athletes were disappointed upon arriving on campus.

The athletes were housed in an athletic

dormitory, ate at their own table away from the general student area and maintained a rigorous practice schedule that interfered with social pursuits and school work, according to the study.

A 1989 survey by the NCAA uncovered similar complaints.

This study said many of the 1,789 athletes

surveyed felt isolated from the general student population, had little time to study and often felt physically abused by the coaches.

"Some days the coaches make you feel as though you are a part of a large herd of animals. In other words, they treat you like a piece of meat," said one anonymous football player in the NCAA survey.

CPS Cartoon Commentary



Mudslingers

Mud — it's soooooo versatile. Children make pies with it, and adults sling it.

This time the "adults," who call themselves politicians, call each other nasty little names like "junk-bond investor" and "the taxation governor."

We're seeing little old women on television saying, "shame on you, Ally Milder," and "shame on you, Peter Hoagland," to our 2nd District Congressional candidates.

Elizabeth Ommachen Editor's Access

What is this? Who's an honest voter to believe?

Perhaps party-line politics has made your decision for you, but some people are still willing to forsake stereotypical allegiances and look at the issues. After all, someone has to since the candidates are too busy playing dodge.

Who cares how the candidates stand on the 2 percent lid? Who cares about their stands on education, child care, homelessness, affirmative action, civil rights...?

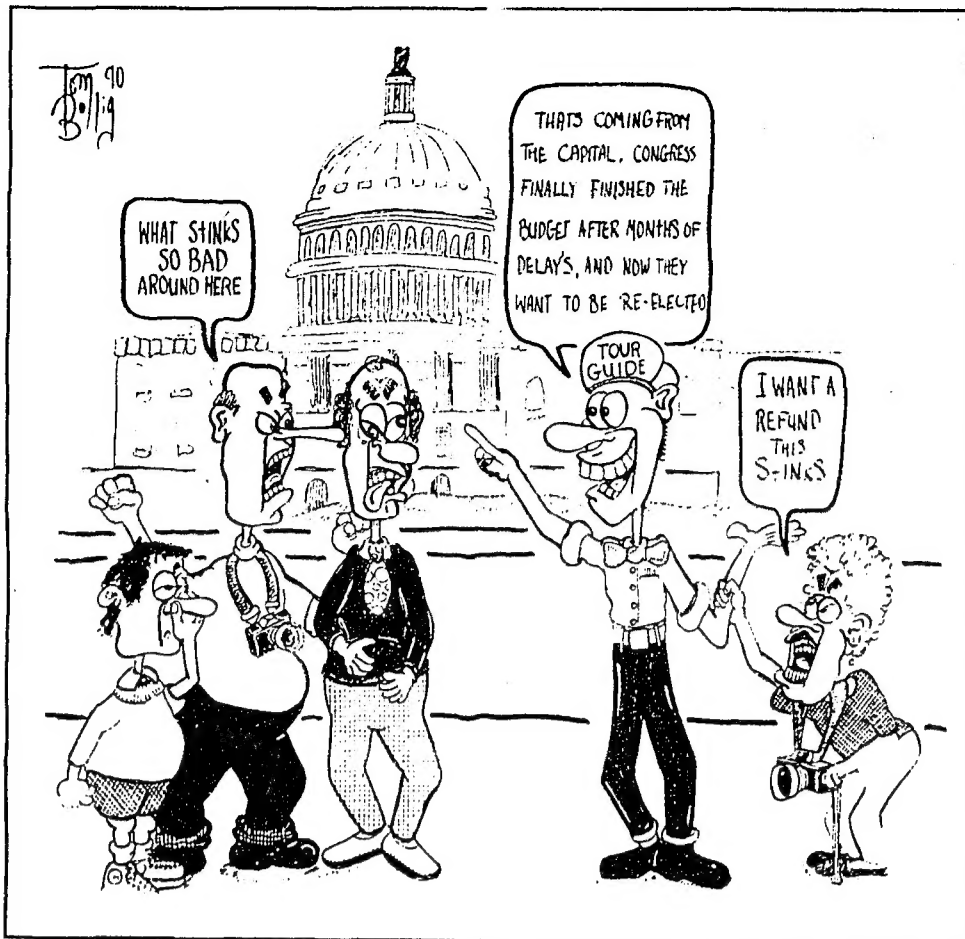
None of that is as relevant as knowing whether Ben Nelson called Kay Orr a liar before or after she accused him of dealing in junk bonds.

Perhaps we should give them the benefit of the doubt; maybe they're trying to make the only campaign issue "integrity."

Nope, too simple. These two seem to be out for blood, and it's spilling at the citizens' expense.

But, do we really know our candidates, or are we merely aware of the latest barrage of name calling?

UNO student president/regent candidates



Mary Reynolds and Chuck Valgora seem to be taking their cue from the big wigs.

Valgora accused Reynolds of using her power as senate speaker for her own political gain. He said she brought him before the senate for removal due to repeated absences because he was running against her for president/regent.

Facts are facts. Valgora was absent. And Reynolds did not invoke this bylaw until the night Valgora was brought up for removal.

During Friday's student president/regent debate, moderators had to ask these two colle-

giate politicians to stop bickering.

Hmmm... sounds familiar.

Perhaps these two student candidates should take their cue from fellow candidate Virgil Armendariz, who said he would not take part in mudslinging.

However, both Reynolds and Valgora said they're not mudslinging either. Isn't it just like children to cover things up when they've been caught?

Editor's Note: The *Gateway* does not endorse any of the three candidates for president/regent.

Jennifer Malone Columnist

The enigma of children

If I ever live long enough to claim Social Security, one thing will forever remain a mystery to me.

Children — they want your trust, they want your compassion and they want your blinding love. But first and foremost, they want their own phone, they want a bigger allowance (for doing even less than they used to do), and for the cherry on top of the sundae, they want your car keys (even though they don't have a driver's license).

I will never understand how a child can shimmy up the highest tree on the block searching for a neighbor's stranded cat, or walk all over the roof fixing the TV antenna; however, he can't even walk down a hallway without grabbing onto both walls with grimy, unhorsed hands that just finished lubricating every part of the lawn mower, including those that didn't need oil.

Why is it a child will eat yellow snow on a double dare, kiss the dog right on the lips, chew gum that he found sitting in an ashtray and put his mouth over a muddy garden hose, but refuse to drink out of the same glass his father just used because it might have some germs on it?

And how is it that a child can have the agility to stand with one foot on first base while he plucks a baseball off the ground with the tips of his fingers, but he can never seem to maneuver his nimble fingers to pick up the bar of soap he dropped in the shower before it melts down into the drain?

Teen-age boys can race their bikes up and down the street all day, go swimming, camp out, play a little flag football, play a little basketball and ride their bikes some more, but they still insist on being driven to the curb to take out the garbage cans on pick-up day.

It always has amazed me how a child can search for his tennis shoes in all the wildest places — in the bathroom, on the front porch, under the coffee table, in the car, in the clothes hamper and even in the doghouse — when he has to meet the guys for a game. However, this same child claims he just can't find his shoes anywhere on the day he promised to mow the grass.

Let's face it, having teen-agers sometimes means putting up with messy rooms, filthy clothing, disheveled hair, dirty fingernails and raided refrigerators, but it has some pretty nice advantages, too. You'll get someone who will love you and defend you at every turn, even though you might wear what they consider "orthopedic-looking" shoes and support pantyhose.

And if you're lucky, you will end up with someone to laugh with, cry with and get angry and frustrated with. But most of all, you'll get someone who loves you more than anything, even though they don't take the time to tell you in so many words.

Metro's music and merriment misses mark

Keli Anders Columnist

It seemed like the logical place to go to unwind. After the mid-term hell I'd been going through lately, I needed to let my hair down and shake my booty. So a pal, Jerry, and I went to the Metro Light and Sound, known as "the Metro" to the regulars, to get down.

Let's just say the Metro wasn't quite like I thought it would be.

According to all the hoopla I've heard about this place, it's supposed to be the disco dreamland of the big "O".

Not so. Excluding Jerry and me, no one deviated from the "respectable" MTV moves. People were either doing a horrid version of the M.C. Hammer or a bad Bobby Brown. Most people ignored the beat, which made them look even more ridiculous.

It was like a high school dance. The guys in huddles and the girls were in packs, sneaking peeks at each other. If they were so intent on staring at people, they could've saved themselves five bucks and stared at the boob tube at home for free.

Needless to say, Jerry and I got lots of stares because of our funky and creative dance moves. Every time we graced the dance floor, some

couple would dance at our sides, grinning. Some twit even had the nerve to dance by himself at Jerry's side. Time to sit down again.

We'd barely touched our refreshments when some bitchy guy snatched them out of our fingers.

"I gotta take these," he whined. "We're closing the bar."

I was outraged. After we had spent five bucks each getting into this big-city-wannabe joint and shelled out more than that on drinks, this jerk snatched them away from us. I silently fumed.

A guy at the next table wasn't as passive, but he didn't have to be. He reminded me of Bluto from the "Popeye" cartoons with a Duran Duran haircut and Jeans West clothing. Needless to say, "Bluto" downed his drink without a fight.

Most of the music left something to be desired — a good sound. The DJ played the same top 40 junk "Hot Scout" plays on Sweet

98's "Hot Mix" show. I guess the DJ had no choice since people wouldn't shake their groove things to anything but tunes by Paula, Janet, Bobby, M.C. or the New Kids.

It became worse when the under-21 crowd invaded the place after midnight. The "peanut gallery" was even more trendy and "cool" than the grown-ups. Some of them looked too young to play with dolls, let alone shake their rumps to the funk.

The boogie wonderland wasn't scheduled to end until the wee hours of the morning, but Jerry and I had enough by 2 a.m. The place was packed, smoky and steamy. The bar sold nothing "stronger" than soda pop and charged a dollar for H2O.

Parting was not simple. While Jerry dashed off to the john before leaving, Bluto accosted me onto the dance floor. Believe it or not, he actually asked me what my sign was. While the '70s reject was in the midst of a disco spin, I eased off the floor and waited by the exit.

I've heard the Max plays better music; maybe we'll try that next. I've had enough of "Dance Party USA" — I mean the Metro — for a lifetime.

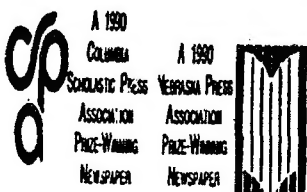
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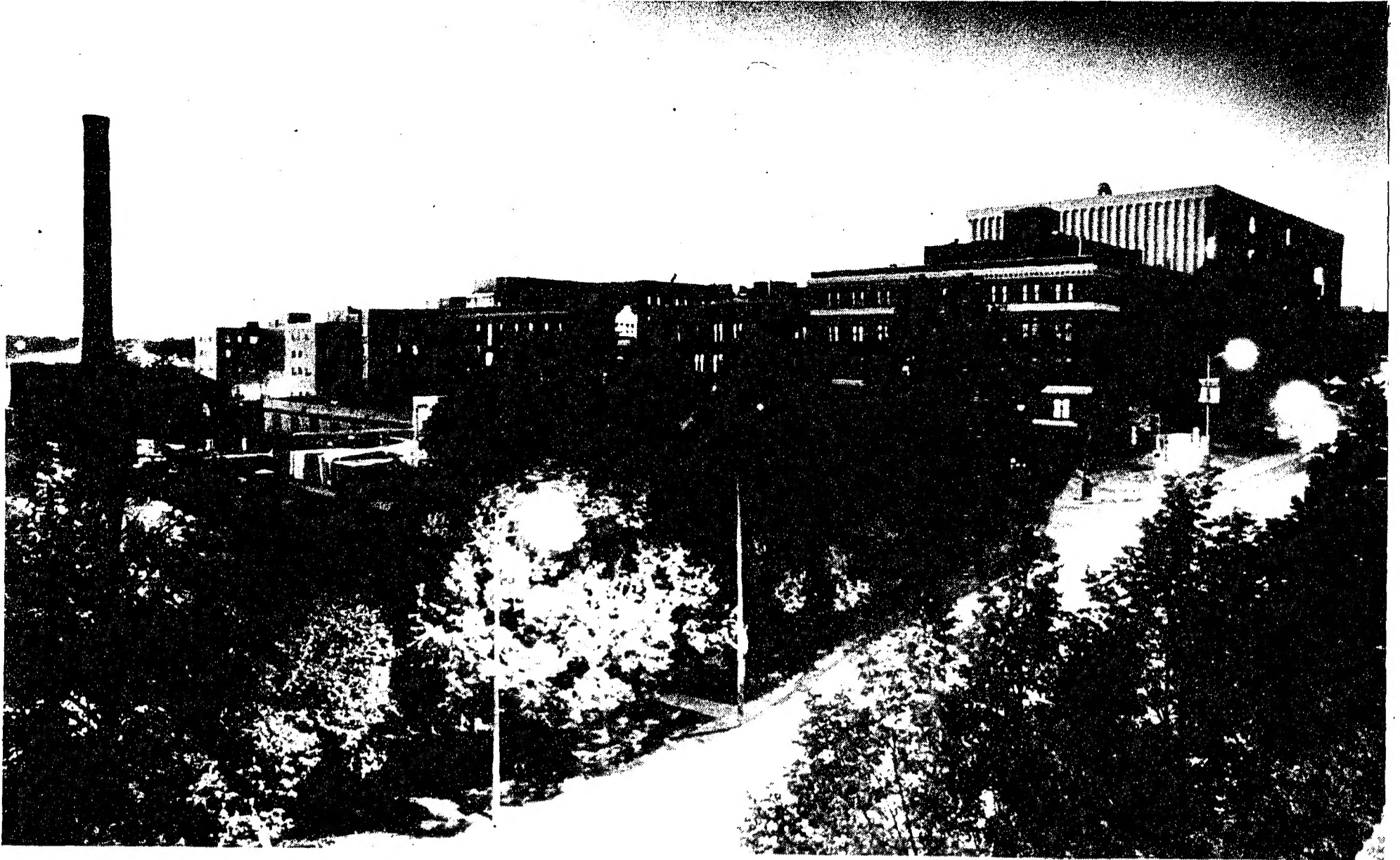
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The University of Nebraska Medical Center expands across the skyline as a growing part of Nebraska. The proposed 2 percent lid could affect the continued success of the nationally recognized center, Chancellor Andrews said.

Med Center may lose faculty to 2 percent lid

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By Ken Wardeman

If the 2 percent lid passes Nov. 6, it would not be the end of the world for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, according to Chancellor Charles Andrews.

Although the Medical Center would survive, Andrews said, passage of the lid would create a "very serious situation." The medical center would lose top-notch faculty members, see research grants dry up, and would have to limit hospital admissions, he said.

"I don't think it would be the kind of medical center that I have been led to believe that the citizens of Nebraska want and deserve," Andrews said.

The 2 percent lid, Ballot Measure 405, proposes a limit on state and local government spending increases to 2 percent annually.

Andrews said it is impossible to determine all of the effects the lid might have on the medical center. But, he said, it is clear that the lid would make it difficult to recruit faculty members.

"I'm certain we would lose many of our good faculty. We would for sure lose those faculty that are successful in getting research grants," he said.

Andrews said it appears all grants would be subject to the 2 percent lid since they are administered like state funds.

"Faculty members with these kinds of grants have plenty of opportunities to move to other places and take their grants where they can spend them," he said.

Andrews said increasing tuition or eliminating classes at the Medical Center wouldn't be feasible because only 2,400 students are enrolled.

He said tuition at the medical center is set at a fixed rate for each student and is a small component of the entire UNMC budget.

"Health science education is the most expensive kind, and tuition doesn't even begin to cover the cost of education," he said. "Students are required to take the same curriculum, so there aren't courses we can cut back."

Andrews declined to discuss possible contingency plans if the lid proposal passed but said the 2 percent limit would present an especially difficult problem for the medical center's hospital.

"There's no way you can keep operating a health delivery

system with a 2 percent cap on it. Either you take care of sick people or you don't," he said. "Health services aren't organized that way. You can't cut out the X-ray department or the clinical lab, or you're out of business."

According to Andrews, health care inflation is much larger than 2 percent, and hospital income and expenditures are related to patient volume.

"We would reach a point very quickly where we couldn't take more patients because we couldn't spend the money to buy the things needed to take care of them," he said.

Andrews said the difficulties at University Hospital would have a "profound affect" on educational programs because the

medical center's students train at the hospital.

"We supply a great deal of services to Nebraska, in addition to educating health professionals. We're a major player in health care," Andrews said. "I believe the citizens of Nebraska have received their money's worth out of the tax dollars they've put into the medical center."

Of the medical center's more than \$300 million budget, \$60 million comes from taxpayers, he said.

Andrews said the medical center's faculty and staff are "very concerned" about the possible effects of the 2 percent lid.

"There has been more talk and concern about this issue than any other since I've been here," he said.

Hospital may turn away patients

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By Gary Peterson

The University of Nebraska Hospital brings money to Omaha, and according to its director, C. Edward Schwartz, a 2 percent lid could cripple future revenue.

The proposed 2 percent lid, Ballot Measure 405, would limit annual spending increases by state and local governments to 2 percent.

In recent years, the hospital has enjoyed a 250 percent increase in federal research grants. Schwartz said the increase benefits more than the hospital community by providing a flow of money throughout the community.

The hospital currently generates 99.4 percent of its operating budget.

Only 25 years ago, the hospital was 99 percent dependent upon state funding, Schwartz said.

Schwartz also said the amendment would prohibit the Medical Center from spending grant money for fear of violating the provisions.

Even if the hospital were to deal with the lid successfully, it remains part of a university system that would be ravaged by the lid, Schwartz said.

If the lid becomes retroactive, the Medical Center would be confronted with the challenge of cutting \$4.5 to \$5 million from its budget, he said.

As a method of comparison, Schwartz said the entire School of Pharmacy receives \$2.1 million; the School of Nursing receives \$5.5 million.

"This is not a question of turning the lights off every Wednesday to conserve money," Schwartz said. "I hope everybody realizes this is not a law where one senator can introduce a bill to supersede the previous bill."

Those involved in writing such a document, he said, should be articulate and aware they could be writing history.

"If somebody mucks with my constitution, I want it done right," he said.

Schwartz said the authors of Measure 405 seem willing to push something through, then let the courts decide how to interpret it.

People who frame a constitution should do so with great deliberateness and care, according to Schwartz.

Citing an anecdote which says the "administration of a drug is almost as important as the drug itself," he said the lid is misguided.

"You have to appreciate the feelings of the people concerning state taxes, but the method will not accomplish the objectives," he said. "I don't think Nebraska wants that."

Emergency?

Jaksha says, 'People are pissed off about taxes'

E By Greg Kozol
d Jaksha defended his "2 percent solution" against the prophets of gloom and doom Sunday night, saying his proposal will actually spark economic development in the state.

"This is the problem, things are not understood," Jaksha said in his West Omaha home. "All these cries of gloom and doom just aren't going to happen."

Jaksha, the 76-year-old president of the Nebraska Taxpayers' Association, helped author Ballot Measure 405. If approved by the voters Nov. 6, measure 405 would limit increases in state and local government spending to 2 percent annually.

Despite warnings that the 2 percent lid would cause massive cuts in public education and state services, Jaksha said the lid would enhance Nebraska's economy.

The limit on public spending will lower taxes and give Nebraskans more money for themselves, Jaksha said.

"It will increase the purchasing power of the taxpayer in Nebraska," Jaksha said. "It's just as good a tool for economic development as Legislative Bill 775 (which gave tax breaks to corporations in Nebraska)."

Jaksha gave his counterarguments to the major criticisms of the proposed spending limit:

- The wording of the measure is too vague. Therefore, state and local agencies don't know what will be cut and when the cuts will take place.

"No one said it's the most wonderful piece of wording in the world," Jaksha said. "It would be nice if it was totally perfect. But that's nothing unique or terrible."

- That a 2 percent spending limit, coupled with 5 percent inflation, would cause massive cuts.

Jaksha said the spending lid would limit inflation by cutting government spending, which he says causes inflation.

Even with inflation, Jaksha claims spending cuts will not necessarily occur. He said the State Legislature, with 40 of 49 senators agreeing, can approve a budget increase over 2 percent.

"There is nothing in there about a cut," he said. "All it talks about is the size of the appropriation the Legislature can approve."

- The spending limit will devastate public schools, universities and local services like police and fire protection.

"There are going to have to be some choices, some prioritizing," he said. "But I think all of them can operate more efficiently."

Jaksha said by operating more efficiently, state and local agencies can survive without cutting many services under the 2 percent lid.

"They're just afraid they're going to have to get to work and start managing."

- The lid's supporters are out of touch with the needs of younger Nebraskans.

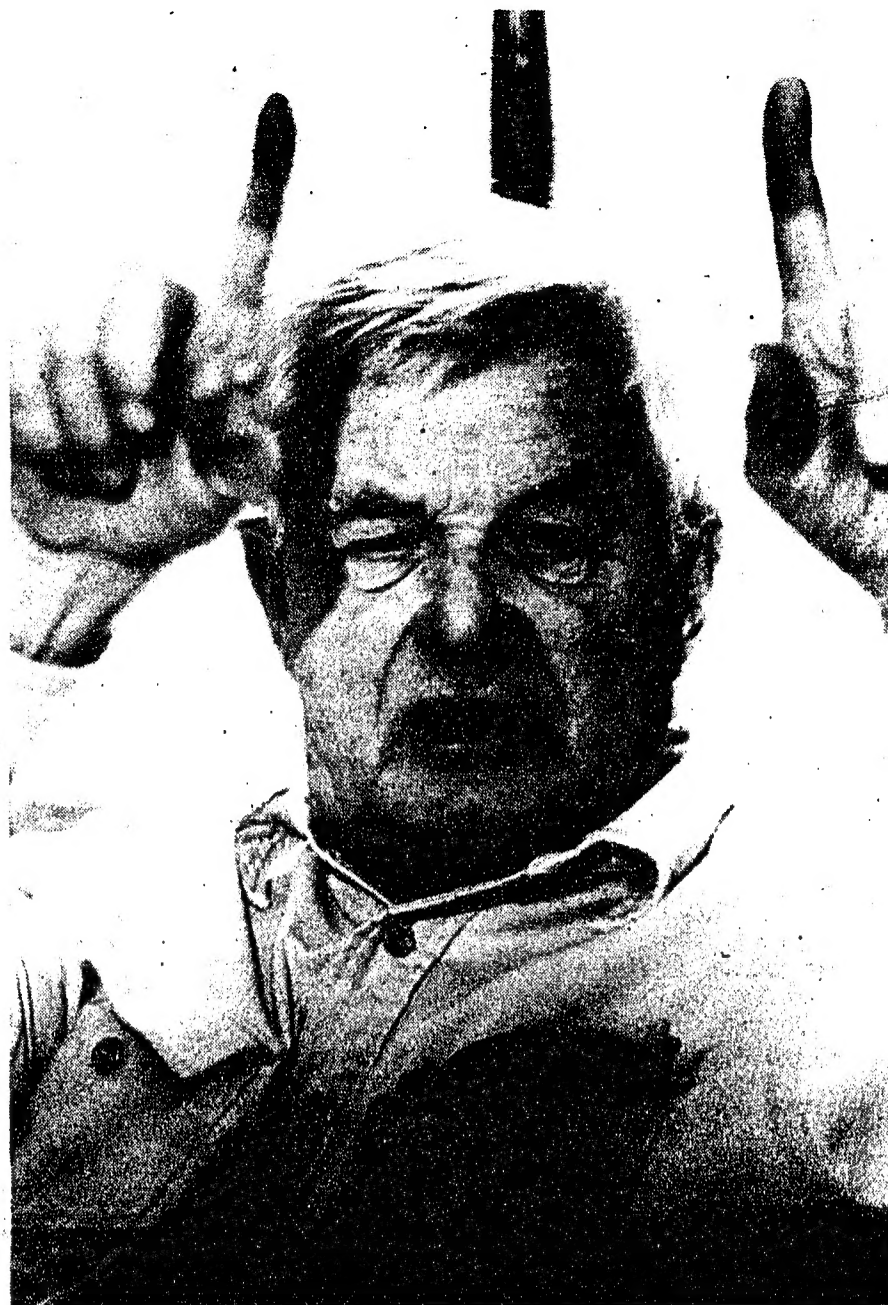
"I'm deeply concerned about the fate of this country," he said. "I want this country to be a good place to live in."

- Because the limit is a constitutional amendment, it cannot be changed for three years.

"Any allegation that you can't change it is fictitious," he said. He said if the lid were to be voted into effect, lawmakers or citizens could put a constitutional amendment that voids measure 405 on the ballot next fall.

Even Jaksha concedes that the 2 percent is not perfect. However, he said the proposal puts the power of taxation in the hands of the people, who Jaksha says feel out of touch with lawmakers.

"I don't know all the answers," he said. "But this wasn't done for the hell of it. People are just plain pissed off about taxes and spending."



-ERIC FRANCIS

Ed Jaksha, author of 'the 2 percent solution,' says his proposal isn't perfect, but all the chaos surrounding the issue is merely a misunderstanding.

Survival differs from success

Lid may drive away researchers

BY MIKE GETTER

The University of Nebraska Medical Center's Eppley Cancer Research Center could survive passage of the proposed 2 percent lid on state and local spending, but its national reputation may not remain as strong.

The proposed lid would place a 2 percent limit on all state and local government spending increases.

The Center is one of only 15 National Cancer Institute research centers in the country and the only one in the Midwest.

"Being a member of the National Cancer Institute research network is a clear recognition of the quality of our research," said Dr. Ray Ruddon, director of the Center.

"We're widely known for our work in chemical and environmental carcinogenesis. We also devote a lot of time looking at the role of diet in the causation and prevention of cancer," he said. According to Ruddon, the spending lid would affect the Center in a number of ways.

"The lid will clearly have a negative impact," he said. "What isn't clear is how great the negative impact will be. I don't think anybody really knows."

The Center relies on state funding for a portion of its budget, and Ruddon said that money would likely be affected by the lid.

"Forty to 50 percent of our faculty's salaries are paid for by state funds," he said. "We also get a number of research grants through the state, and these probably wouldn't remain the same. So, in the end our research would be affected."

In addition to doing research, the Center is also an educational institution. Ruddon said the Center's educational system would suffer if the lid passes.

"We'd have a harder time attracting and training doctoral students in the medical sciences," he said. "This would affect the whole Medical Center."

Ruddon said the Center would also have trouble attracting good scientists and teachers.

"Right now, I have four offers out to top scientists, all from prestigious laboratories. They'd greatly strengthen the University of Nebraska, but they've all told me they won't come here if the lid passes."

"I've also heard from a number of our faculty who have said they'd leave if the lid is passed," Ruddon said. "The bottom line is the Medical Center could lose \$8 million if the lid is retroactive to January 1, 1991. And we're a part of the Medical Center."

State may lose second opinion

BY MARGARET OLDHAM

The Meyer Rehabilitation Institute has a 32-year history of helping Nebraskans with health care.

Robert Bartee, executive assistant to the chancellor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said the Institute could part with its past if the 2 percent lid is approved. The 2 percent lid, ballot measure 405, proposes to limit state and local spending increases to 2 percent annually.

The Institute was built in 1958 by a private board.

It served as a rehabilitation center for children with polio, cerebral palsy and other disabling conditions.

The Institute joined the Medical Center in 1968, when it expanded to include all developmental disabilities and handicapping conditions, as well as research, education and patient service.

Dr. Bruce Buehler, director of the Institute, said, although the institute serves all ages, children under 21 comprise up to two-thirds of all patients.

Buehler said all clinical activities at the Institute are on an outpatient basis. The clinic recorded 45,000 single individual visits and had 3,500 new patients last year.

Buehler said the Institute receives about 60 percent of its funding from grants and contracts and about 40 percent from state and outside sources.

He said the grants are dependent upon matching state funds, and the 2 percent lid would result in a reduction in state funding and a loss in federal grants.

According to Buehler, grants enable the Institute to provide a required service for the state.

Nebraska's legislation requires a second opinion for special education, and without it, Buehler said, "the cost to replace what we do on grants would be 5 million a year."

Bartee said the Board of Regents would provide guidelines for the Medical Center if Measure 405 is approved and budget-slashing procedures become necessary.

"No program would be sacred, and every program would be open to reduction," Bartee said. "The problems and concerns (of those who support ballot measure 405) are legitimate, but the solution is not the right one for this state."

To be or not to be

Should Quebec remain a part of Canada?

By MELANIE WILLIAMS

Etre...ou ne pas etre? (To be...or not to be?)

Although this question was immortalized by Shakespeare's struggling Hamlet, it may be applied to the ambivalence of contemporary Canadian citizens. The question here is one of independence: whether Canada will allow French-speaking Quebec to be...or not to be, a separate society.

This past summer, after winning a national faculty research grant from the Canadian government, UNO sociology professor Mark Rousseau studied the causes and consequences of Quebec nationalism at McGill University in Montreal.

Exchanging his desk in the Arts and Sciences Hall for the streets of Montreal, Rousseau interviewed opinion-makers, politicians, educators and union representatives.

"There are two major reasons behind this political nationalism," Rousseau explained. "First, there is cultural nationalism: the determination to preserve the French language and culture, and not to be absorbed into the North American culture."

Rousseau said of the 6.5 million people in Quebec accounting for one-fourth of Canada's population, 80 percent are Francophones (French speaking Canadians).

"They (the citizens of Quebec) want to be themselves," he said. "They don't want to be assimilated into something else."

Rousseau said most people undermine the whole picture when they feel that the separatists in Quebec — represented by

the Parti Quebecois (PQ) — are concerned only with retaining their native language.

While Rousseau acknowledged the significant presence of cultural nationalism, he discovered that economic nationalism is an even more important driving force.

"Currently, two-thirds of Quebec is owned by Francophones, and they want to enhance that big change from the past," he said. "For many French-speaking workers, the right to work equals the right to work in French — or not at all."

In 1960, the Liberal Party was created, he said. Quebec then began to modernize and created a state public pension plan, used to lend money to French-speaking entrepreneurs.

Rousseau said after the PQ was elected in 1976, a comprehensive language bill was passed to make French the official language of Quebec for government, commerce, education and advertising.

But, he added, in 1980 the referendum to discuss Quebec's independence failed, and Quebec voted not to leave Canada.

"I think they (voters) were afraid of economic consequences," Rousseau said. "The federal government of Canada and corporations pumped in lots of dollars to oppose it (the referendum)."

"In 1981," Rousseau continued, "Canada cut the final ties with Britain and repatriated the constitution." However, Quebec refused to sign the constitution because they said it did not adequately represent and protect their French culture. They wanted formal recognition that Quebec was different.

"In a sense, Canada has been in a constitutional crisis," Rousseau said.

He further explained that in 1987, Prime Minister Mulroney of Canada and Premier Bourassa of Quebec settled on modifications to the constitution during the Meech Lake Accord.

However, many Anglophones objected to "preferential treatment" for Quebec. And within the French-speaking community, strong nationalists felt the agreement was too vague and fell short of their expectations for more independence, he said.

This latest effort to gain independence failed on June 24, when the 3-year time limit ran out on the Meech Lake Accord. Ratification required the approval of all 10 provinces, but Manitoba and Newfoundland disapproved.

"I personally give Quebec a better than 50-percent chance of becoming independent within the next five years," he said.

"Quebec is a very advanced first world country, and no other province has that unique sense of self and cultural unity. It is in their own economic self-interest to hang together."

Rousseau will be discussing the question of Quebec's independence during a meeting of L'Alliance Francaise on Sat., Nov. 10. The talk will be at the Regency Best Western Inn and is open to all who are interested.

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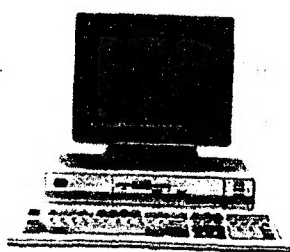
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UNC hands Mavericks sixth straight loss

By Dave Dufek

Out of the frying pan, into the fire. UNO's football team is headed in that direction this season, after a 34-14 loss to Northern Colorado—its sixth straight setback.

UNO holds a 2-7 overall record, including a 1-6 North Central Conference record. The Mavericks' NCC record places them into a last-place conference tie with South Dakota State University.

Northern Colorado took an early lead after the Bears blocked a UNO punt and ran it 30 yards to the end zone for the score. The Mavericks responded on the following kickoff, when senior split end Victor Barnes took the return 77 yards to even the score at 7-7. The touchdown was Barnes' second this season on a kickoff return.

Northern Colorado's speciality teams scored once again on a blocked punt, taking the ball 22 yards to put the Bears up 14-7.

The Bears scored once again in the first half, and went to the lockerrooms at halftime leading 21-7.

The Mavs opened the second half with a mission. After a Northern Colorado punt, junior quarterback Paul Cech led the Mavericks downfield. UNO cut the score to 21-14 after a 19-yard touchdown run by junior fullback Roy Napora.

Northern Colorado didn't allow any further scoring by the Mavs, but completed the score with a fourth touchdown, as well as two field goals, to put the final tally at 34-14.

Northern Colorado rolled up 254 total yards, compared to UNO's 157 yards. The Bears gained 61 yards on the ground, and the Mavericks had 59.

Cech was 10-for-31 passing, with 98 yards and no interceptions. The Northern Colorado quarterbacks completed 17-of-26 passes for 193 yards.

Leading UNO's rushing attack was Napora, with 19 yards. Junior fullback Greg Thielen followed with 18 yards. Junior running back Aaron Vactor added 16 yards, senior I-back LaRon Henderson gained 13 yards and junior fullback Eric Hill had two yards.

Juniors split end William Thomas led UNO's receivers with 43 yards. Thomas was followed by Barnes, with 20 yards, and junior split end Chris Crutchfield, with nine yards.

Defensively for the Mavericks, sophomore linebacker Chris Bantner recorded 16 tackles, eight of which were unassisted. Junior outside linebacker Kory Barr added 10 tackles for the Mavs, including six unassisted tackles and a quarterback sack.

The last time a UNO football team has lost

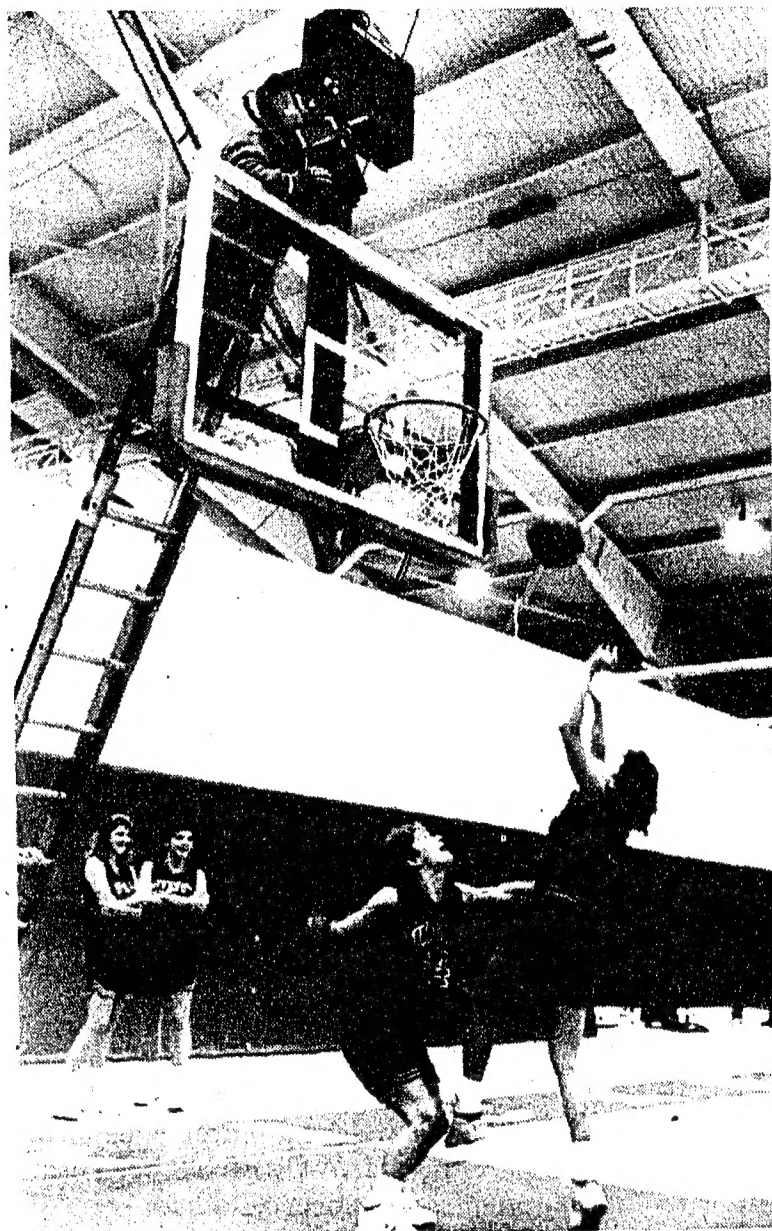
six straight games dates back to 1976, a season not unlike the current campaign. Both the 1976 and 1990 teams started with 2-1 records and slid to 2-7 with six straight losses. The 1976 squad ended the season with a 3-8 record, an eight-game losing streak, and an 82-7 loss to Northern Michigan—a modern-day record for opponent's points scored in a game.

The most consecutive losses by a Maverick team is 12, from 1957-59.

UNO has been outscored 223-123 in its nine games this season. That amounts to a 24.78 points-per-game average for its opponents—and a 13.67 points-per-game average for the Mavericks.

And things don't get any easier. UNO will travel to meet North Central Conference rival North Dakota State Saturday.

North Dakota State is ranked number one in NCAA Division II with an untarnished record of 8-0 overall and 7-0 in the NCC.



—ERIC FRANCIS

Shooting people shooting hoops

Scott Hohenshell of KMTV Channel 3 films Dawn Stoebr, No. 14, and Lisa Rath, No. 10, at UNO's press day.

Jock Journal

By Dave Dufek

From the horse's mouth

What has four legs, no brains and is red all over?

A boxing match.

People in this country are flinging down 50 bucks a pop to watch Evander Holyfield knock James "Tub-o-Blubber" Douglas senseless in less than eight minutes.

Something's wrong here, folks.

It's hard to understand the thrill of boxing. Two men get into a small square and come to fisticuffs for absolutely no reason. The only motivation these men have is the love of beating another human being into oblivion. Where is the sport in that?

Boxing is one of the few sports that praises "unsportsmanlike conduct" and punishes "good sportsmanship."

But—to be fair—I'll give you the "good points" of boxing, as translated from an interview with former heavyweight champ Rocky "The Toothless Wonder" Balboa:

Good Point #1:

"I'm ben bockin' foe seben yees an' my bren izzzn demitted."

(I've been practicing the art of sparring for approximately seven years, and no brain damage has resulted from my career thus far. Besides, my speech has always been slurred like this.)

Good Point #2:

"Peeble like Magneezeyum Mike."

(Boxing gives the great citizens of America something to watch if nothing else is on television.)

Good Point #3:

"Mess with me, I-ki-yo."

(Should I disagree with something you say or do, I will handle it in the most gentlemanly manner.)

Good Point #4:

"I like blood."

(After my thrilling boxing career, I plan to pursue a medical degree from Harvard so I can practice medicine because I like helping people.)

Good Point #5:

"I floie lak uh budderfly, stang liak uh bee."

(There is just something so natural about dueling—I can't explain it—I feel as if I were one with all of God's creatures.)

Good Point #6:

"Feel tack on enny body that wahntz to fahst cuz I am thuh champ."

(I love the wonderful thrill that fills my soul when I step into the ring with one of my respected colleagues. It brings me divine peace.)

Good Point #7:

"I am number one—I feel be up foe thes fahst."

(There's nothing like a good miff after a round or two of polo on a Sunday afternoon.)

Good Point #8:

"I's fasta than littenin' an' twice as frightnen'."

(The energy—and electricity—I feel as a professional athlete exceeds all other vices known to mankind.)

So, what's become of the great "Toothless Wonder?"

Well, you know those french fries you get at McDonald's? Somebody has to cook them.

Keefover to try for nationals Saturday

Maverick harriers travel to regionals in South Dakota

By Dave Dufek

UNO's cross country team will travel to Brookings, S.D. Saturday to compete in the North Central Conference/Regional cross country meet to close the season.

"It's hard to say how we'll

do," Coach Tim Hendricks said. "They take the top two teams to go to Nationals. Air Force, South Dakota State University, Augustana College and North Dakota State University are probably the top four teams right now (competing in the tournament)."

However, the top three individuals not associated with the two teams that qualify also go on to National competition as individuals.

"Barb Keefover has a possibility of qualifying as an individual," Hendricks said. "It all depends on how well she runs that day."

"It'll take her best time to qualify."

"The week off will help. She'll be well-rested," he continued. "It's not going to be easy to qualify, but she's got the qualities to do it."

The North Central Conference (NCC) meet and Regional meet have thus far been held in conjunction with each other. According to Hendricks, there has been talk of separating

the two meets in the future, due to other teams competing in the Regional portion of the tourna-

"It all depends on how well she runs that day."

—Tim Hendricks

So far, Keefover's best time was last weekend at Sioux Falls, S.D., where she ran the course in 18 minutes, 22 seconds.

"She'll probably have to run about 20 seconds faster (to qualify)," Hendricks said. "I think she can. She keeps improving every week."

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Saturday's meet is expected to host about 16 or 17 teams from across the Midwest.

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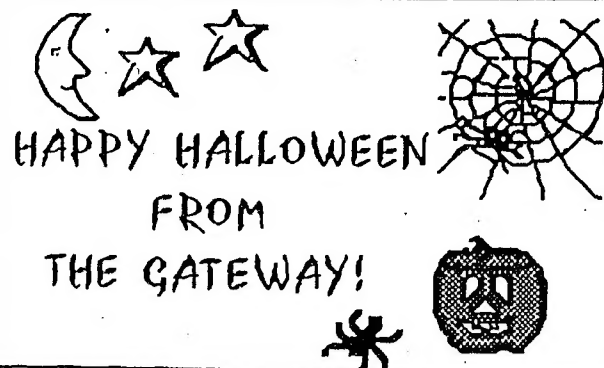
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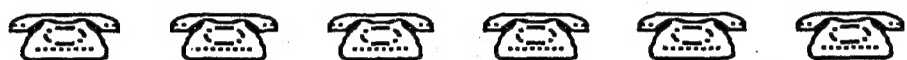


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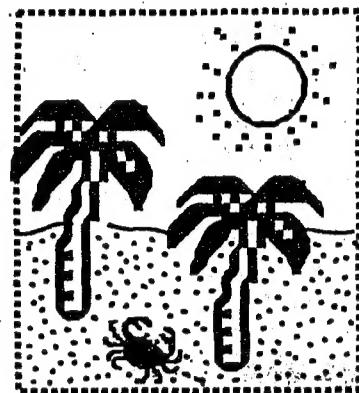
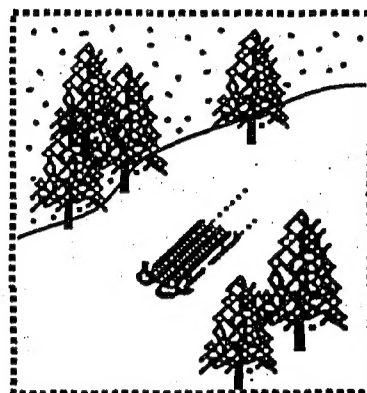


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Nebraska, state colleges, and community colleges.

Armendariz said he supports the issue because it diminishes the flagship theory.

"I question the idea of giving power to another bureaucratic agency," Armendariz said. "I hope that the system evolves to the point that the regents can be removed. Each college should have its own board."

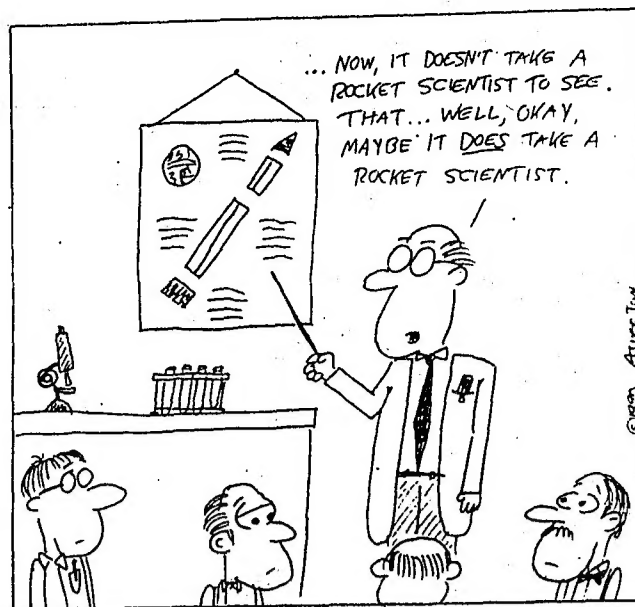
Reynolds said she does not see the positive affects of the super board because it will make it more difficult for a student to see the progress

on their campus.

She believes that it will add one more level of bureaucracy to "an already red tape tangled system."

"The system is skewed towards Lincoln," said Valgora in support of the issue. "The commission will regain the importance that Lincoln encaptures."

All of the candidates agreed that students need to be better informed about issues and choices that face them at UNO.



Off the wall
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DATE CHANGED

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